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CHAPTER 143.

AN ACT to create section 366.19 of the statutes, relating to the cremation of dead bodies, providing for an investigation, as to the cause of death, by the coroner and providing a penalty.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: (366.19) (1) The body of a deceased person shall not be cremated within forty-eight hours after its decease unless death was caused by a contagious or infectious disease, and, if the death occurred within the state, the body shall not be received or cremated by any person, firm, co-partnership, or corporation authorized to cremate the bodies of the dead until its officers have received the certificate of burial permit required by law before burial, and a certificate from the coroner of the county, where said person died, and if such person died without the state, then from the coroner of the county where said body is to be cremated, that he has viewed the body and made personal inquiry into the cause and manner of death and is of the opinion that no further examination or judicial inquiry concerning the same is necessary.

(2) It shall be the duty of the respective coroners of this state, in any case where the body is to be cremated, to view and make a careful personal inquiry into the cause and manner of death, and conduct an autopsy or order the conducting of an autopsy, if in their opinion it is necessary to determine the cause and manner of death, and thereupon certify that no further examination or judicial inquiry concerning the same is necessary, if so satisfied, otherwise, or in the event of doubt to proceed as otherwise provided by law.

(3) The coroner shall receive a fee of ten dollars, to be paid out of the county treasury, for each body so viewed or inquiry so made.

(4) Whoever shall accept, receive or take any body of a deceased person with intent to destroy the same by means of cremation, or who shall cremate or aid and assist in the cremation of any body of a deceased person without having presented such coroner's certificate heretofore provided for shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, shall be fined not less

than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, or be imprisoned not less than six months nor more than one year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 144.

AN ACT to repeal subsection (4) of section 45.276 and section 45.278 of the statutes, relating to the soldiers' rehabilitation fund.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection (4) of section 45.276 and section 45.278 of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 145.

AN ACT to repeal subsection (3) of section 67.14, and to create subsection (3) of section 67.14 of the statutes, relating to highway bonds.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection (3) of section 67.14 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. A new subsection is added to section 67.14 of the statutes to read: (67.14) (3) In case the county board shall vote to issue bonds under section 67.13 and within the limitations of subsection (1) of this section, the bonds so voted shall not be issued within thirty days after said vote is taken. If within thirty days a petition shall be filed with the county clerk, signed by electors of the county, equal in number to ten per cent of the vote cast for governor at the last election, demanding a referendum election upon said bond issue, such election shall be had and the procedure shall be as prescribed in subsection (4) of section